

Science Grading Parameters: Third through Fifth Grades

This form is designed for teachers who record and average grades on STI.

Third Grade			Fourth Grade			Fifth Grade		
Grade Categories	Grade Book Grades	Total Grade %	Grade Categories	Grade Book Grades	Total Grade %	Grade Categories	Grade Book Grades	Total Grade %
Benchmark Assessments	2 or more entries	60%	Benchmark Assessments	2 or more entries	60%	Benchmark Assessments	2 or more entries	60%
Experiments (Performance/ Inquiry-Based)*	2 or more entries	20%	Experiments (Performance/ Inquiry-Based)*	2 or more entries	20%	Experiments (Performance/ Inquiry-Based)*	2 or more entries	20%
Teacher Choice**	2 or more entries	20%	Teacher Choice**	2 or more entries	20%	Teacher Choice**	2 or more entries	20%
TOTAL	6 or more	100%	TOTAL	6 or more	100%	TOTAL	6 or more	100%
			CRT***			CRT***		

Individual teachers may enter more than the required number of grade book entries. However, each category must be weighted as indicated on the above grading parameters. Each grade category includes all the components listed in the MCPSS science pacing guide.

***Experiments (Performance/Inquiry-Based) Assessments can include, but are not limited to:** classroom activities, lab-type experiments, projects.

****Suggested Teacher Choice Assessments:** integrated science activities (writing/math), technology (Power Point, word processing, graphics), notebooks

*****The CRTs provided by MCPSS Central Office will be averaged with the total grade percentage at the end of each quarter.**

Note: *Homework assignments* (i.e., worksheets, textbook pages, extra practice – not including out of class projects) and *parent signatures* cannot be recorded in STI Grade Book under any category.